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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/826,769	RADER ET AL.	
	Examiner Carolyn A. Paden	Art Unit 1761	

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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 August 2007.

2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 13-32 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 13-32 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants' amendments to the claims are sufficient to overcome the rejection of the claims over Combes in view of Dew and Turbak in view of Combes and Dew. Also the objection and rejection of the claims has been withdrawn in response to applicants' amendments to the claims.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 13-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dihora (6,608,017) in view of Turbak (4,378,381) and further in view of Dew (5,906,843).

Dihora discloses encapsulated oil particles. The oil particles are made by dispersing oil in hydrophobic fumed silica with gentle agitation. Then the oil/silica mixture is added to a vortex of starch and ultrasonically mixed. After drying the product is atomized to form a spray dried encapsulate oil (example 1). The claims appear to differ from Dihora in the recitation of the inclusion of microcrystalline cellulose in the emulsion. Turbak teaches that a combination of microfibrillated cellulose and soybean oil form emulsions that are stable for extended periods of time. It would

have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to add the microfibrillated cellulose of Turbak to the oil of Dihora in order to stabilize the starting oil composition. The claims also appear to differ from Dihora in the mixing order used in the process. It is appreciated that the mixing order of the process is different from that of the claims but the final product in both situations remains an encapsulated oil particle. The claims also appear to differ in the utilization of precipitated silica. Dew teaches the use of precipitated silica in the conversion of organic liquids to dry free flowing particles. At column 7, lines 20-21, vegetable oil is described as an organic liquid. So each of Dew and Dihora disclose that silica products are useful in preparing powdered oils. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the precipitated silica of Dew in place of the fumed silica of Dihora in order to prepare a powdered oiled product.

Claims 13-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is unclear in claim 13 as to what finally results for the process steps in the claims. An amendment to the claim adding –to form an encapsulated oil particle- at the end of the claim would overcome the rejection.

Claim 29 includes dispersing steps of both 30 and 60 seconds in three different steps of the claim and it is unclear if these are separate time frames or a part of the same time frame. An amendment to the claims clarifying this issue would overcome the rejection.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carolyn A Paden whose telephone number is (571) 272-1403. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Keith Hendricks, can be reached on (571) 272-1401 or by dialing 571-272-1700. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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<b>Notice of References Cited</b>			Application/Control No. 10/826,769	Applicant(s)/Patent Under Reexamination RADER ET AL.	
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*		Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Name	Classification
*	A	US-6,608,017	08-2003	Dihora et al.	510/349
*	B	US-2005/0271790	12-2005	Aronson et al.	426/601
*	C	US-2002/0172721	11-2002	Boulos et al.	424/646
*	D	US-4,867,986	09-1989	Desai et al.	424/464
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\*A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this Office action. (See MPEP § 707.05(a).)  
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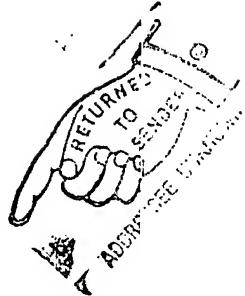
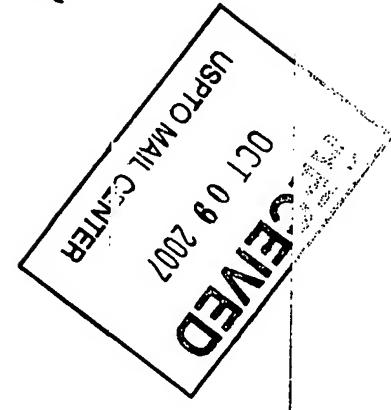
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